

Table 96. Hospital admissions, average length of stay, and outpatient visits, according to type of ownership and size of hospital, and percent outpatient surgery: United States, selected years 1975–2000

[Data are based on reporting by a census of hospitals]

<i>Type of ownership and size of hospital</i>	<i>1975</i>	<i>1980</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>
Admissions							
	Number in thousands						
All hospitals	36,157	38,892	33,774	33,282	33,766	34,181	34,891
Federal	1,913	2,044	1,759	1,559	1,133	1,072	1,034
Non-Federal ¹	34,243	36,848	32,015	31,723	32,633	33,109	33,946
Community ²	33,435	36,143	31,181	30,945	31,812	32,359	33,089
Nonprofit	23,722	25,566	22,878	22,557	23,282	23,871	24,453
For profit	2,646	3,165	3,066	3,428	3,971	3,905	4,141
State-local government	7,067	7,413	5,236	4,961	4,559	4,583	4,496
6–24 beds	174	159	95	124	139	145	141
25–49 beds	1,431	1,254	870	944	965	959	995
50–99 beds	3,675	3,700	2,474	2,299	2,265	2,317	2,355
100–199 beds	7,017	7,162	5,833	6,288	6,656	6,684	6,735
200–299 beds	6,174	6,596	6,333	6,495	6,230	6,389	6,702
300–399 beds	4,739	5,358	5,091	4,693	5,021	5,419	5,135
400–499 beds	3,689	4,401	3,644	3,413	3,390	3,045	3,617
500 beds or more	6,537	7,513	6,840	6,690	7,146	7,400	7,410
Average length of stay							
	Number of days						
All hospitals	11.4	9.9	9.1	7.8	7.2	7.0	6.8
Federal	20.3	16.8	14.9	13.1	14.4	14.0	12.8
Non-Federal ¹	10.9	9.6	8.8	7.5	6.9	6.8	6.6
Community ²	7.7	7.6	7.2	6.5	6.0	5.9	5.8
Nonprofit	7.8	7.7	7.3	6.4	5.9	5.8	5.7
For profit	6.6	6.5	6.4	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.4
State-local government	7.6	7.3	7.7	7.4	7.0	6.9	6.7
6–24 beds	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.5	4.6	4.5	4.2
25–49 beds	6.0	5.8	6.1	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.1
50–99 beds	6.8	6.7	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.4
100–199 beds	7.1	7.0	7.1	6.4	5.9	5.9	5.7
200–299 beds	7.5	7.4	6.9	6.2	5.8	5.7	5.7
300–399 beds	7.8	7.6	7.0	6.1	5.7	5.6	5.5
400–499 beds	8.1	7.9	7.3	6.3	5.9	5.9	5.6
500 beds or more	9.1	8.7	8.1	7.1	6.5	6.3	6.2
Outpatient visits³							
	Number in thousands						
All hospitals	254,844	262,951	368,184	483,195	545,481	573,461	592,673
Federal	51,957	50,566	58,527	59,934	63,642	70,060	63,402
Non-Federal ¹	202,887	212,385	309,657	423,261	481,838	503,401	531,972
Community ²	190,672	202,310	301,329	414,345	474,193	495,346	521,405
Nonprofit	131,435	142,156	221,073	303,851	352,114	370,784	393,168
For profit	7,713	9,696	20,110	31,940	42,072	39,896	43,378
State-local government	51,525	50,459	60,146	78,554	80,008	84,667	84,858
6–24 beds	915	1,155	1,471	3,644	4,278	4,650	4,555
25–49 beds	5,855	6,227	10,812	19,465	22,694	23,870	27,007
50–99 beds	16,303	17,976	27,582	38,597	42,161	46,156	49,385
100–199 beds	35,156	36,453	58,940	91,312	107,966	110,336	114,183
200–299 beds	32,772	36,073	60,561	84,080	85,494	90,878	99,248
300–399 beds	29,169	30,495	43,699	54,277	67,070	75,849	73,444
400–499 beds	22,127	25,501	33,394	44,284	49,022	43,867	52,205
500 beds or more	48,375	48,430	64,870	78,685	95,508	99,741	101,378
Outpatient surgery							
	Percent of total surgeries ⁴						
Community hospitals ²	---	16.3	50.5	58.1	61.6	62.4	62.7

--- Data not available.

¹The category of non-Federal hospitals is comprised of psychiatric, tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases hospitals, and long-term and short-term general and other special hospitals.

²Community hospitals are non-Federal short-term general and special hospitals whose facilities and services are available to the public. Excludes hospital units in institutions such as prison and college infirmaries, facilities for the mentally retarded, and alcoholism and chemical dependency hospitals. Special hospitals include obstetrics and gynecology; eye, ear, nose, and throat; rehabilitation; and orthopedic.

³Outpatient visits include visits to the emergency department, outpatient department, referred visits (pharmacy, EKG, radiology), and outpatient surgery.

⁴The American Hospital Association defines surgery as a surgical episode in the operating or procedure room. During a single episode, multiple surgical procedures may be performed. In contrast, the National Hospital Discharge Survey codes up to 4 procedures and the National Survey of Ambulatory Surgery codes up to 6 procedures that are performed in a single surgical episode. See Appendix II, Ambulatory surgery and Outpatient surgery.

NOTE: Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III).

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